 2023-2024 JagWire Newspaper Application Form

Before you begin filling out this form, you must be sure that you meet the requirements of a member of the JagWire Newspaper Staff. The newspaper needs creative, goal-driven, involved students who are interested in seeing the publication of quality journalism.

You must meet the following requirements:

1. This is an elective course that you may take if you have a free period AFTER 2 periods of English, 2 possible periods of Math, Science, Social Studies, and either band, choir or P.E., (and Technology foundations for 8th graders).

2. You must maintain a B or higher in your core academic classes.

3. You must be capable of meeting deadlines (no exceptions).

4. You work well with a team and take responsibility seriously.

5. You can obtain a recommendation from your previous year’s English teacher.

Being a member of a team for a school publication is an honor. You must be willing to go the “extra mile” to make this newspaper a success. You must possess dedication and a level of sophistication that surpasses that of your classmates. Journalists are recorders of the truth; in order to report the truth, you must exude dignity, responsibility and integrity. With this in mind, if you are willing to make the school newspaper a priority in your extracurricular life, please fill out the information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

English teacher’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year Average in English:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What activities would you most be interested in? Choose up to three.

News writing Editing Special features/sections Newspaper design/layout Editorial writing Sports writing Technology

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In what extracurricular activities do you participate?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: Turn forms into Mrs. Barnes (G110) or email to** [rachel.barnes@dcsms.org](mailto:rachel.barnes@dcsms.org) **no later than May 12th.**

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE SEE BACK OF PAGE FOR WRITTEN PORTION\*\*\***

**Written Portion**

**On a separate page, explain in AT LEAST 3 paragraphs specifically why you want to be a member of the JagWire Staff. Be sure to discuss why you would be an asset to the newspaper and the team. Also, discuss your strengths and weaknesses so that I will find a position that suits you and your talents.**

**Please TYPE your paragraphs using correct grammar and punctuation and attach to the first form. Feel free to be as creative as possible when creating your application. Creativity earns you extra consideration! You may use any of the following websites/programs to design your application. Graphic Design and Technology skills are important aspects of being on the Newspaper Staff now that the issues are 100% virtual.**

**Websites and Programs you can use**

**Canva (This is what we use daily. You may want to become familiar with how it works.)**

**Microsoft Powerpoint**

**Microsoft Sway**

**Pixilied**

**PicMonkey**

**Stencil**

**Snappa**

**Adobe Photoshop**

**You may use any other programs you choose, these are just suggestions.**

**English Teacher Recommendation**

Upon completion, please return this form to Mrs. Barnes or put in my box.

Please do not return this form to the student.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

English Teacher’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Yearly ELA Average:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate this student in the following categories. Apply a score based on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest rating of excellence and 1 being the lowest rating for poor.

Writing Skills \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Creativity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ability to meet assignment deadlines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Behavior in Class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ability to work with others \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attitude toward assignments \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attendance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Trustworthiness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Self-Discipline/Control \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Communication Skills \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this student for the rigors of building a school newspaper? Please explain.

What additional information may be of importance in choosing this student for the newspaper staff?